

building there in an open space and the Government have now ordered to start the work as early as possible.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—It will be better to select a more suitable site. It is a very crowded place and the surroundings are not at all satisfactory.

**Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—It is necessary to have the new building constructed near the Police Station.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—The Member for Urakam referred to the sub-jail of Trichur. I want to make it more general so that all the sub-jails in the State may be improved.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—As I have already explained we have taken up the question of improving all the sub-jails and we are taking up the work one by one. So practically we accept the resolution.

*The following amendment to the resolution was considered withdrawn as it was not moved:—*

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—*Remove all words after the words 'provide' and substitute 'decent and well-ventilated buildings for all sub-jails in the State.'*

### (17) Large-scale Industries.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Sir, I rise to move that "This Council recommends to the Government to conduct an enquiry by experts into the possibilities of starting large-scale industries in the State."

Sir, this subject, I am sure, will not meet with the approval of this House, because all of them know what has been the fate of the two industries already started in the State on a large scale. Yesterday morning the Director of Public Instruction, an educationist all his life, was saying that he was looking into the question of manufacturing cement at Chalakkudi. I could not imagine what his real qualification is to speak with any authority on the manufacture of cement and its possibility at Chalakkudi. I do not know from where he obtained all his information regarding the raw materials available in Chalakkudi for cement making. How is the Chalakkudi Pottery best fitted for the manufacture of cement? If gentlemen of his stamp who were educationists only all their life, are put in charge of the industrial department of the State, it is no wonder that industries do not develop and make progress within the four walls of this State.

**Mr. S. K. Subrahmania Ayyar.**—It is as President of the Economic Development Committee and not as the Director of Public Instruction.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Whether as President or as an Educational Member it makes no difference, so long as the person is the same. If such are the experts that investigate into the possibilities of developing industries here, it will certainly be not a thing to be proud of. What I really want is that some experts be appointed in order to investigate into the possibility of starting big industries. We want to know whether there is scope for any body to start big industries here. Industries need not necessarily be started by the Government alone. There are citizens in Cochin who have got the capital to start large scale industries provided it is pointed out to them that such and such industries, have scope and it would be a success. How are they to know what are the possibilities in Cochin and what are the raw materials available in Cochin? All these things require some investigation and research work. A lay man could not pronounce any opinion on the subject. My idea in asking for an expert enquiry is just to find out what kind of raw materials are available in the State with which we may set to work. If there are none, certainly we shall not waste our capital. If there are, we want to tap those sources. It will be also a means of providing work to so many of our unemployed. That will again be adding to the material prosperity of Cochin. Because the Potteries and the Tanneries have failed, we should not shut our eyes and stop our activities. For one thing, I do not admit they are failures. There was something wrong somewhere and that wrong has to be set right. That is all. Whatever that be, it ought not to stop us for ever, and say, that hereafter we shall not attempt at all to start other kinds of industry. That is the biggest mistake we laymen always make. My point in view in bringing this matter to the notice of this House is to make the Government open their eyes and appoint an expert committee to investigate into the industrial possibilities and resources of the State so as to start large scale industries. If they could prove that there are raw materials in Cochin with which we may start industries here on a large scale, I am sure there are enterprising men in this State, with sufficient money and means to come forward and start such industries as are pointed out by the experts. The State ought not to lag behind in such a matter of vital importance. The knowledge of the possibility of any large scale industry, will certainly be welcomed by the enlightened public of Cochin. I therefore request the Government to accept this idea and start making the necessary enquiries, through experts, into the industrial possibilities of the State. I do not want this resolution to be carried by this House. It is enough the Government understand the point of view of the public in this

matter. It is only to draw the attention of the Government into this question, I tabled this motion. I do not want this matter to be put to votes.

*The resolution was lost, there being no seconder.*

**(18) Cosmopolitan Hostel.**

**Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Sir, I move the resolution that "This Council recommends to the Government to start a Cosmopolitan hostel attached to the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, in the building now used for the caste Hindu hostel."

Sir, it is not in the form of a resolution that this question ought to have come before this Council; it ought to have come in the form of an adjournment motion. The Government has flouted twice the unanimous, the almost unanimous, decision of this House. If this House has any sense of self-respect an adjournment motion ought to have been moved upon this question. I think the non-official side of this House is representative of the mature public opinion of the State (*Hear, hear*). Twice that public opinion expressed that the hostels should be made cosmopolitan and the Government, I must say, on a lame excuse, rejected that resolution. They say that the students were not prepared to live in cosmopolitan hostel. Did the Government try to know whether the students were prepared to live in cosmopolitan hostel if it were in the decent building now used for the Hindu Hostel? The students in a meeting, under the presidency of one of the Hon'ble Members here, unanimously expressed their opinion that they are for cosmopolitan hostels. It is simply insulting the students to say now that they will be against such a reform. In these days of awakening the people, especially the student population, are for such reforms. Our educational authorities, without any sense of their responsibility are trying to thwart the attempts made by the Council to introduce a reform, which it is necessary for the bringing up of students in a wholesome atmosphere which will teach them to forget communal differences and other invidious distinctions. This resolution was moved twice in the Council and all that can be said had been said on those occasions. I want to point out only one thing and it is that there are certain people who are responsible for this mischief. Students are for this reform. Let the Government say that they are going to make the main hostel a cosmopolitan one. I am sure there will be no objection to the charge from the students. I hope the House will unanimously support my resolution.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Sir, I second this resolution. In the order of the Government vetoing my resolution on cosmopolitan hostels, they have stated in unmistakable terms that they accept the principle. If that be so, why could they not apply the same principle to the hostels at Ernakulam? "Here they are